

1                   **DISK DRIVE EMPLOYING MULTIPLE INDEX MARKS**

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3                   **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

4                   A disk drive is disclosed comprising a disk surface having a plurality of concentric, radially  
5                   spaced tracks, wherein each track comprises a plurality of data sectors and a plurality of servo  
6                   sectors. At least two different index marks are distributed around the circumference of the disk  
7                   surface. A servo sector counter is initialized relative to which index mark is detected, wherein the  
8                   servo sector counter identifies a circumferential location of the servo sectors.